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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2560

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas
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Hancock, Lieber, Mullin, Pavley, Torrico, and Yee
(Coauthor: Senator Torlakson)

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An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center Support Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Support Program to perform specified functions relating to the establishment, retention, or expansion of

school health centers in California, in collaboration with the State Department of Education. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish standardized data collection procedures and ~~the maintenance of a database of health services provided by school health centers, including health issues that are unique to schoolaged youth, such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders~~ *collect specified data from school health centers on an ongoing basis*. This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Services, to coordinate programs within the State Department of Education and programs within other specified departments to support public school health centers and to provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the establishment, retention, and expansion of public school health centers. The bill would require the program to ~~submit~~ *provide* a biennial ~~report~~ *update* to the appropriate *policy and fiscal* committees of the Legislature containing specified information regarding public school health care centers, beginning on or before January 1, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174)
2 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:

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5 Article 10. Public School Health Center Support Program
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7 124174. The following definitions shall govern the
8 construction of this article, unless the context requires otherwise:

9 ~~(a) "Local educational agency" means a school district, as~~
10 ~~defined in Section 41302.5 of the Education Code.~~

11 ~~(b)~~

12 (a) "Program" means a Public School Health Center Support
13 Program.

14 ~~(c)~~

15 (b) "School health center" means a center or program that
16 provides age-appropriate health care services at the program site

1 or through referrals, and may be located on a public school
2 campus, local educational agency, or near a school or local
3 local educational agency. A school health center may serve two
4 or more nonadjacent schools or local educational agencies.

5 (c) *For purposes of this section "local educational agency"*
6 *shall be defined as a school, school district, charter school, or*
7 *county office of education if the county office of education serves*
8 *students in kindergarten, or any grades from 1 to 12, inclusive.*

9 124174.2. (a) The department, in cooperation with the State
10 Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health
11 Center Support Program.

12 (b) The program, in collaboration with the State Department of
13 Education, shall perform the following program functions:

14 (1) Provide technical assistance to school health centers on
15 effective outreach and enrollment strategies to identify children
16 who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, the Medi-Cal program,
17 the Healthy Families Program, or any other applicable program.

18 (2) Serve as a liaison between organizations within the
19 department, including, but not limited to, the Medi-Cal program,
20 prevention services, primary care, and family health.

21 (3) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, as
22 appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department of
23 Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
24 Programs, the Department of Managed Health Care, the Office of
25 Emergency Services, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance
26 Board.

27 (4) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage the
28 establishment, retention, or expansion of, school health centers.
29 For purposes of this paragraph, technical assistance may include,
30 but is not limited to, identifying available public and private
31 sources of funding, which may include federal Medicaid funds,
32 funds from third-party reimbursements, and available federal or
33 foundation grant moneys.

34 (c) The department shall consult with interested parties and
35 appropriate stakeholders, including the California School Health
36 Centers Association and representatives of youth and parents, in
37 carrying out its responsibilities under this article.

38 124174.3. (a) The department shall establish standardized
39 data collection procedures and collect data specified in

1 subdivisions (c) and (d) from school health centers *on an*
2 *ongoing basis*.

3 (b) The data collected pursuant to this section shall be
4 submitted in a format determined by the department in
5 accordance with applicable state and federal requirements for
6 confidentiality and protected health information.

7 (c) Data collected pursuant to this section shall include the
8 following:

9 (1) The name of the primary contact person, telephone
10 numbers, including facsimile physical address, and the e-mail
11 address, if applicable, for each school health center.

12 (2) The annual number of schoolage children receiving health
13 services or mental health services from the school health center.

14 (3) The type and volume of services provided by the school
15 health centers.

16 (4) The funding mechanisms used by the school health centers.

17 (5) Information on other programs offered by school health
18 centers with an emphasis on preventative health services that
19 address health issues unique to schoolage children, including, but
20 not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against
21 communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health
22 disorders.

23 (d) To the extent feasible, the department shall collect data on
24 health services provided at a ~~public school or~~ local educational
25 agency outside a school health center.

26 (e) This section shall be implemented only to the extent funds
27 are appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act or pursuant to
28 the enactment of legislation subsequent to the addition of this
29 section.

30 124174.4. The State Department of Education, in
31 collaboration with the department, shall perform the following
32 functions:

33 (a) Coordination of programs within the State Department of
34 Education that support school health centers and programs within
35 the State Department of Mental Health and the State Department
36 of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.

37 (b) The provision of technical assistance to facilitate and
38 encourage the establishment, retention, and expansion of school
39 health centers in public schools. For purposes of this subdivision,
40 “technical assistance” may include the provision of information

1 to local educational agencies,~~schools,~~ and other entities
2 regarding the utilization of facilities, liability insurance,
3 cooperative agreements with community-based providers, and
4 other issues pertinent to school health centers.

5 124174.5. (a) The program, in collaboration with the State
6 Department of Education, shall act as a liaison for school-based
7 health centers.

8 (b) Beginning on or before January 1, 2009, the program shall
9 ~~submit a biennial report~~ *provide a biennial update* to the
10 appropriate *policy and fiscal* committees of the Legislature that
11 includes information on all of the following:

12 (1) The number and geographical distribution of school-~~or~~
13 ~~local educational agency~~ health centers.

14 (2) The number of schoolage children who were served by
15 school-~~or local educational agency~~ health centers.

16 (3) The type and volume of health and mental health services
17 provided by school health centers.

18 (4) A description of state funds used by school health centers.

19 (5) A description of any obstacles to the financial
20 sustainability of school health centers and any necessary policy
21 changes that would address those financial obstacles.

22 (c) *The department shall post on its Web site any written*
23 *materials provided to the Legislature as part of the updates*
24 *required by this section.*